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IRAN VICTIM LEAD

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE EIGHT SERVICEMEN KILLED IN THE U.S. ATTEMPT TO FREE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN INCLUDED FIVE MEN STATIONED AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE IN FLORIDA AND TWO MARINES.

U.S. OFFICIALS WITHHELD THE IDENTITIES OF THE MEN KILLED IN THE CRASH OF A HELICOPTER AND A C-130 TRANSPORT PLANE UNTIL THEIR RELATIVES COULD BE NOTIFIED.

THOSE IDENTIFIED BY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TODAY AS AMONG THOSE PRESUMED DEAD WERE:

--AIR FORCE CAPT. LYNN DAVIS MCINTOSH, 33, A FORMER VALDOSTA, GA., RESIDENT STATIONED AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE.

--MARINE CPL. GEORGE N. HOLMES JR., OF PINE BLUFF, ARK., 22, A HELICOPTER CREW CHIEF.

--MARINE SGT. JOHN DAVIS HARVEY, 21, AN AVIONICS SPECIALIST STATIONED AT CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.

IN FLORIDA, WFSH-RADIO AND THE PENSACOLA NEWS-JOURNAL IDENTIFIED FOUR OTHERS OF THE DEAD, ALL AIR FORCE SERVICEMEN STATIONED AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, AS:

--CAPT. HAL LEWIS, A PILOT.

--CAPT. RICHARD BAKKE, A NAVIGATOR.

--CAPT. CHARLES MCILLAN, A NAVIGATOR.

--TECH. SGT. GEORGE MAYOR, A FLIGHT ENGINEER.

THE NEWSPAPER AND RADIO STATION SAID UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES ALSO NAMED MCINTOSH AS AMONG THE DEAD. AIR FORCE SPOKESMEN AT THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE BASE WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE REPORT. FLAGS WERE AT HALF-STAFF AT THE BASE.

THE EIGHT BODIES WERE LEFT IN THE DESERT AS THE U.S. FORCE WITHDREW.

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WORD OF HARVEY'S DEATH WAS DELIVERED BY TWO MARINE OFFICERS ON FRIDAY TO HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. JOHN E. HARVEY OF ROANOKE, VA. BUT THE OFFICERS SAID THEY COULD ONLY SAY THEIR SON WAS MISSING IN ACTION AND PRESUMED DEAD IN A FIRE. LATER, MRS. HARVEY SAID SHE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM THE PENTAGON SAYING HER SON WAS AMONG THOSE KILLED IN IRAN.

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